



Rotary Donation

Connecting CT Rotary to Local Virus Response

The New Haven Trauma Recovery Network® and New Haven, CT police department were recent beneficiaries of the Rotary Club of New Haven's philanthropy. Trauma Recovery Humanitarian Assistance Programs' Executive Director, Carol Martin, a member of the Rotary Board, found an opportunity to aid first responders and the larger New Haven community affected by the pandemic by enhancing the current outreach efforts of the New Haven TRN®.

Knowing that the Rotary was looking for a means to provide local support during the pandemic, Martin requested a proposal from the TRN® on how they would use a grant of approximately \$2700 to treat pandemic-related trauma. The TRN® will use the funds in first responder and community outreach conferencing. In addition, the Rotary donated 1000 face masks to the New Haven police force to enhance their community-based policing efforts.

"Rotary is similar to TRNs," Martin noted, particularly the Rotary's *4-Way Test* an ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships worldwide. Rotary started in Chicago on February 23, 1905. Dues-paying member professionals with diverse backgrounds came together to exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. Over time, Rotary's reach and vision expanded beyond service to the club and vocations, to humanitarian service by addressing challenges in their communities and around the world. This dedication to humanitarian service and their four-way test form a service orientation aligned with the service mission of HAP TRNs.

